**NJLA Young Adult Section Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2014**

**South Brunswick Public Library**

**Members in attendance:** Erica Solomon (Piscataway), Sandi Cronce (Willingboro), Sue Grotyohann (Monroe Twp), Carolyn Aversano (Mercer County- West Windsor), Kathleen Gruver (Burlington County), Saleena Davidson (South Brunswick PL), Sharon Rawlins (NJ State Library), Jen Schureman (GCLS), Liz Burns (Talking Book & Braile Center), Laura Leonard (Hillsdale), Michelle Petrasek (Paterson), Sandy Hall (Morristown & Morris Township), Lynn Mazur (Bridgewater), Kate Vasilik (Piscataway), Karen deWilde (Livingston), Katie Nellen (Park Ridge H.S.), Rosy Henderson (New Brunswick), Jen Apgar (NJSL, Talking Book & Braile Center), Katie Bojanek (North Plainfield), Michelle Yeager (Cherry Hill), Natalie Cheetham (Cedar Grove), Lanora Melillo (West Orange), Sophie Brookover (LLNJ), Emily Hewell (East Orange), Christi Aldellizzi (Ocean County), Courtney Wiededu (Ocean County)

**UPDATES FROM AROUND THE STATE**

NJSL Report for YA Section Meeting, April 11, 2014

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library

Evanced Summer Reader In-Person Training Session Scheduled for April 29 in North Jersey

The State Library is offering one more free one-on-one training session taught by librarians for librarians to help you set up your libraries to use Evanced Summer Reader for your 2014 summer reading program in your library.

* Hillsdale Public Library, 509 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, NJ, 07642, will host a session on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. For more information and to register, e-mail or call Laura Leonard at leonard@bccls.org or 201-358-5072.

To get the optimum out of the training sessions, and to be able to actually set up your program during the training, you are *strongly* advised to sign-up with Evanced Solutions in advance at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ\_SummerReader](https://mail.njstatelib.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=a736b67ef9e34744b807fc3191c2b116&URL=https%253a%252f%252fwww.surveymonkey.com%252fs%252fNJ_SummerReader) to have Evanced install the program for your library on their server ahead of time before the training. After you sign up with Evanced, you will receive a link and password from them to access the website so you can set up your library’s program during the training session.

If your library has previously set up a Summer Reading site already, the site still works with your old password(s). If you do not remember your link, passwords, etc. e-mail Evanced Support at Support@evancedsolutions.com

For anyone unable to attend the librarian led, in-person, one-on-one sessions, Evanced Solutions is also offering their spring training 10-week email course of weekly tips to help you prepare for your summer reading program. You can register here: <http://evancedsolutions.com/sign-up-today-for-summer-reader-spring-training/>

If you want to try out the product on your own, a free weekly webinar schedule is available at [http://evancedtraining.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx?ln=0](http://evancedtraining.evanced.info/signup/eventcalendar.aspx?ln=0%2520)

Questions? Contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org, 609-278-2640 ext. 116.

Apply for 2014 YALSA Teens’ Top Ten Book Giveaway

Who loves new books? How about free books? Apply for our 2014 Teens' Top Ten Book Giveaway! Forty sets of the 2014 TTT nominees will be given away to libraries in need. Apply by 5/1. <http://bit.ly/1dvMuhE>

**Teen Read Week™ Activity Grant - Apply Now!**
The application period for the 2014 Teen Read Week Activity Grant is now open. Libraries can apply for the grant now through June 1, 2014. Ten libraries will be awarded $1000 each to help fund in their Teen Read Week activities. The 2014 Teen Read Week theme is Turn Dreams into Reality @ your library and will be celebrated October 12-18, 2014. For more information about the grant and to apply, please visit the [Teen Read Week](http://ala.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=b9b7f12a0545b1a14ef19a691&id=f6c04f6ac3&e=V632dpEnFw) website.

**2015** **Summer** **Reading** **Program**

The teen poster with the artwork reflecting the theme of "heroes" was revealed at the meeting.

**Member Updates:** <http://njla.pbworks.com/Member-updates>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Member Services**

* Turtle Back Zoo – Sunday, May 25th 2:30-6pm

**LOGIN Performer Showcase**

* April 30th – Gloucester County Library System – Mullica Hill Branch

**Diversity and Outreach Section**

* Next meeting is April 24th, Jen will send out link to Adobe Connect if you would like to attend virtually

**Library Link NJ**

* 4/15 – Webinar Adult Programming
* 4/23 – Tech Speed Dating – Gloucester County Library- Mullica Hill Branch
* 5/22 – Membership Meeting
* June Webinar on Gatekeeping

**Book Expo**

* Sandy Hall will be signing!!

**May Meeting**

The section has decided that our May meeting will be an “Unconference” meeting where everyone can share ideas and discuss what it important to them. Our May meetings seem to be the favorite of our members, so come on out and join us.

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

**NJLA Conference**

* Revel Casino, Atlantic City - June 2, 3, 4th
* Moderators are set
* A doodle poll will go out for conference table

**Executive Board/GSTBA Nominations**

* Nominations so far:
	+ VP/Pres: Katie Bojanek
	+ Secretary: Megan England
	+ MAL: Rosy Henderson, Karen Mitchell
* There is still time to get your name in to run for positions!!!

**Next Meeting:**

**May 16, 2014** – coffee & snacks at 9:30, meeting at 10:00

 Unconference Meeting!! (bring a dish to share)

The back-up location for our meetings is the HQ Branch of the Burlington County Library: 5 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, NJ. Any changes will be announced as soon as possible on the Young Adult Services Section page of the NJLA wiki.

*Respectfully submitted by Jen Schureman, Young Adult Services Section Secretary*